

EPA to Host Public Availability Sessions and Conduct Sampling in the Eastern Heights Neighborhood of Grenada, Miss.

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ATLANTA (May 7, 2018) – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will host two public availability sessions on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, in Grenada, Miss. Area residents are invited to come learn about upcoming sampling activities in the Eastern Heights neighborhood that will begin the same week. From May 16-18, 2018, EPA will test outdoor air in and around the neighborhood for trichloroethene (TCE). The data will inform future sampling planned for July 2018 of indoor air and air under the foundations of homes located over the TCE-contaminated groundwater plume.

What: Public availability sessions for the Rockwell Grenada site

When: Tuesday, May 15, 2018.

Two sessions: noon to 3 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m.

Where: Grenada City Auditorium at 17 N. Main Street

Who: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 4

Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ)

***Press Availability – 4:15 to 4:45 p.m.: Representatives of EPA and MDEQ will answer questions. Members of the media should RSVP to marraccini.davina@epa.gov.

These sampling activities in Eastern Heights are part of the Remedial Investigation (RI) for the Rockwell Grenada Site, which was proposed to the Superfund National Priorities List (NPL) early this year. EPA is also working with the potentially responsible parties to conduct additional



In May 2017, Administrator Scott Pruitt established a task force to restore EPA's Superfund program to its rightful place at the center of the Agency's core mission to protect health and the environment. sampling needed at the 40-acre facility at 635 Highway 332 (commonly called Grenada Stamping and currently operated by Ice Industries) and off-property disposal areas to inform the RI.

In consultation with the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), EPA proposed to add the Rockwell Grenada site to the Superfund NPL on January 18, 2018. The original 60-day public comment was extended by one week—ending on March 26, 2018. EPA will consider public comments before making a final decision about adding the site to the NPL.

Under Administrator Pruitt's leadership, the Superfund program has reemerged as a top priority to advance the Agency's core mission of protecting human health and the environment.

For information about the proposed Rockwell Grenada site: www.epa.gov/superfund/rockwell-intl-wheel

For information about Superfund and the NPL: www.epa.gov/superfund





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